GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3269
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FISHING HARBOUR IN A.P.
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to sanction Rs.640 lakhs for construction of Machilipatnam Fishing harbour in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the approval has since been accorded;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The original proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of fishing harbour in Machilipatnam was approved by GOI in March 1996 at a total cost of Rs.470.88 lakhs.The entire 50% central share amounting of Rs.235.44 lakhs has been released to the State Government for implementation of the project. As per the approval of GOI the project should have been completed in all respects before the end of March 1999, instead the State Government had submitted a revised cost estimate amounting to Rs.640 lakhs.

(c): No Sir.

(d)&(e): On examination of the revised cost estimate it has been noticed that the State Government have modified the originally approved design in some of the structures, besides including additional facilities without prior approval of Government of India. Some of the earlier approved items have been not considered in the revised cost estimate.

As per the provision of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which the original proposal has been approved, cost escalation of the sanctioned project is permitted only under two circumstances viz.
(i) time overrun on account of natural calamities such as cyclone etc,
(ii) disputes over contractual works in a court of Law. As such the proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh for cost escalation has not been approved by the Union Ministry.